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Special federal jobless benefits for airline industry workers

Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation – Airline Workers

In April 2003, Congress and the President approved special federal unemployment compensation assistance for laid off airline and airline-related workers. Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation for Airline and Related Industry Workers (TEUC-A) provides up to 39 weeks of federal jobless benefits to those who exhaust their state unemployment benefits.

Who qualifies for TEUC-A?

Potentially eligible unemployed workers are those who have exhausted their regular state or TEUC benefits (including TEUC-X), or who have an existing TEUC claim on file with a remaining balance.

In addition, the regular state unemployment claims of those workers must have been based at least in part on airline or airline-related employment, and they must have been laid off from such employment on or after September 11, 2001, due to:

- Reductions in airline service because of the terrorist actions of September 11, 2001;
- Closure of a U.S. airport because of the terrorist actions or security measures; or
- The military conflict with Iraq.

What is considered airline or airline-related employment?

Unemployed workers may qualify for TEUC-A, if they were employed with:

- An **air carrier**;
- A **facility at an airport** – includes employers physically located on airport grounds such as: retail food facilities, other retail facilities, hotels, aircraft maintenance and service facilities, parking facilities, car rental facilities, and any other business physically located on the airport. Also included are offsite airline-related businesses that provide functions that are integrally related to the operation of the airport, such as parking, car rental services or aircraft maintenance and service facilities;
- An **“upstream” producer** for an air carrier – performs additional, value-added, production processes, including firms that perform final assembly, finishing or packaging of articles for an air carrier. An upstream producer provides a product (including one that is assembled, finished or packaged) directly to an air carrier; or
- A **supplier** for air carriers – produces component parts for, or articles and contract services considered to be a part of the production process or services for, an air carrier or for another supplier or upstream producer whose supplies, products or services are received or utilized by an air carrier and used for airline industry purposes.

Workers must have been employed by an airline or airline-related employer during at least part of the base period of their most recent unemployment benefit claim. The base period is the four calendar quarters upon which the workers' claims are based.

When will TEUC-A be paid?

Eligible unemployed airline industry workers will receive TEUC-A benefits for weeks of unemployment beginning the week of April 20, 2003. TEUC-A claims must be established by the week ending December 27, 2003. No TEUC-A or TEUC-AX benefits are payable after the week ending January 1, 2005.

The weekly benefit amount will be based on what a worker received in regular state benefits and for 1.5 times as many weeks. In Michigan, the maximum TEUC-A entitlement is 39 weeks at a weekly benefit rate of \$362.

Up to 13 additional weeks of these benefits (called TEUC-AX) may be payable if the state experiences a high rate of insured unemployment.

Any TEUC or TEUC-X benefits paid in the past will be deducted from the TEUC-A or TEUC-AX balance.

What are the eligibility requirements for TEUC-A?

The eligibility requirements for TEUC-A are the same as those for the regular state UI program. Workers must be unemployed and be able to work, be available for work and be actively seeking work. TEUC-A claimants must also be registered for work with their local *Michigan Works!* Agency, unless the requirement is waived. They may need to re-register if their registration is a year old or older.

How does one apply for TEUC-A?

Unemployed workers will be notified about the new program if they have already exhausted their TEUC or TEUC-X benefits. Those who have yet to exhaust their TEUC benefits will be automatically sent an application for TEUC-A. Those in the regular state program will be mailed a TEUC-A application as they exhaust their state benefits.

Unemployed workers must complete the application and mail it to the Unemployment Insurance Agency TEUC Unit, 4729 Conner, Detroit, MI 48215-2092.

Have questions?

Those with questions about their TEUC-A claims can call the TEUC Unit. The unit's toll-free telephone number is **1-866-241-0152**. Staff will take calls from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.